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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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MISUSE OF ISI MARKS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids/tests were conducted recently by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Consumer Research and Education Centre for testing consumer products bearing ISI mark;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof indicating the number of raids conducted products tested and those which failed to clear BIS specification;

(c) the action taken against defaulting companies;

(d) whether the Government proposes to put in place a marketing surveillance system to check the misuse of ISI mark;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government to ensure adherence to the standards fixed by BIS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : In pursuance of the provisions in the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Act and rules and regulations framed thereunder, BIS regularly draws market samples of its licensees under its Certification Marks Scheme and gets these samples tested through BIS recognized/ National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited laboratories in the country. Enforcement raids are also conducted by the BIS on regular basis on the premises of manufacturers misusing ISI Mark without having a valid licence from BIS.

(b) : During the current financial year 2006-07 (upto 31/01/07), 136 raids were conducted by BIS to check the misuse of ISI mark. Upto 31-01-07, 163 cases have been launched for prosecution which includes the prosecution resulting out of the raids conducted during previous years also.

During the current financial year 2006-07 (upto 31-01-07), BIS has independently drawn 12464 number of market samples. 5821 market samples were found passing, 1147 market samples were found failing and remaining 5496 samples are under testing.

(c) : In view of failure of these samples, 565 licences were placed under stop marking and 8 licences were cancelled as per the provisions of BIS Act and Rules and Regulations framed thereunder.

(d) & (e): Misuse of ISI Mark is checked by BIS by conducting enforcement raids on regular basis. In order to further strengthen the enforcement activity, two outside agencies have been appointed by BIS to gather information about misuse of ISI mark and also to help in conducting raids on such places.

(f) : BIS through its Scheme of Testing and Inspection and Market Surveillance ensures that its licencees strictly adhere to the quality specifications laid down in relevant Indian Standards as per the provisions of the BIS Act and rules and regulations framed thereunder.